

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1

MEDI-CAL CATEGORIES

1. GENERAL

A person or family may be eligible to Medi-Cal coverage under one of the categories described in this section. Persons who apply for Medi-Cal must have their eligibility evaluated according to the regulations governing the category to which the person or family is linked. Individuals are eligible to Medi-Cal benefits if they qualify under a public assistance, medically needy, medically indigent, or special category.

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2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASH GRANT PROGRAMS

A. Cash Grant Being Paid

Persons receiving a cash grant under any one of the following programs automatically are entitled to a Medi-Cal card for each month they receive the cash grant. Public Assistance cash grant programs include the following:

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- 1) AFDC
- 2) SSI/SSP
- 3) Cuban/Haitian Entrant Cash Grant
- 4) Refugee Resettlement Cash Grant
- 5) Emergency Assistance (EA)

B. Cash Grant Not Being Paid

Persons not currently receiving a cash grant are automatically entitled to a Medi-Cal card when the following apply:

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- 1) Their cash grant has been suspended for an administrative reason such as to:
 - a) Determine the amount of the cash grant; or
 - b) Adjust an overpayment; or
 - c) Change the recipient's representative payee.
- 2) Their cash grant is zero (Zero Basic Grant) because the net income of the family exceeds the AFDC payment standard but does not exceed the Minimum Basic

Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC). See MPG Article 5, Section 2 for linkage criteria for AFDC.

3) The case is in a payment suspense.

C. Persons Age 21 or Older

Persons age 21 or older are not considered Public Assistance recipients for purposes of Medi-Cal eligibility when they receive EA-UP benefits. In addition, adults in other non-federal AFDC cases may not be eligible to Medi-Cal. See MPG Article 5, Section 2 for non-federal Medi-Cal criteria.

3. OTHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Other Public Assistance programs include the following:

- A. 4-month continuing eligibility - See MPG Article 5, Section 7.
- B. 9-month continuing eligibility - See MPG Article 5, Section 7.
- C. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) - See MPG Article 5, Section 8.
- D. (Pickle Persons) Twenty percent Social Security increase - See MPG Article 5, Section 10.

4. MEDICALLY NEEDED PROGRAM

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A person's eligibility is determined under the Medically Needy program if that person is any of the following:

- A. An aged, blind or disabled person who meets one of the following conditions:
 - 1) Is not eligible for or does not want to receive assistance as a Public Assistance or Other Public Assistance recipient.
 - 2) Has an application pending for SSI/SSP. See MPG Article 5, Section 3 for more information.
- B. A child or family member who is both:
 - 1) Linked to AFDC in accordance with MPG Article 5, Section 2; and
 - 2) Not eligible for or does not want to receive assistance as a Public Assistance or Other Public Assistance recipient.
- C. A caretaker relative who chooses to be included in a child's MFBU in accordance with MPG Article 8, Section 5.

- D. A caretaker relative who establishes AFDC linkage to a Public Assistance or Other Public Assistance child in accordance with MPG Article 8, Section 5. ACDW 88-25
- 5. MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM
 - Persons will have eligibility for Medi-Cal determined under this category if they cannot meet the eligibility requirements for any of the other categories above. See MPG Article 5, Section 5 for more information. MEM 50251
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL PROGRAMS
 - Miscellaneous special programs include the following: MEM 50253
 - A. Repatriate program
 - B. Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
 - C. Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA)
 - See MPG Article 5, Section 8 for information regarding these categories.
- 7. MEDI-CAL SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS MEM 50264
 - Medi-Cal Special Treatment benefits provide assistance to Dialysis and Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) patients. MPG Article 17 addresses these benefits in detail.
- 8. WORKER RESPONSIBILITY AND CARD ISSUANCE
 - Medi-Cal eligibility determination and card issuance is done by eligibility technicians in all of the above programs except for SSI/SSP recipients and Special Treatment benefits. SSI/SSP recipients' eligibility is determined by the Social Security Administration. If an SSI/SSP recipient did not receive a Medi-Cal card or needs a replacement, any DSS district office will issue the replacement card through the clerical section and MEDS. Instructions for SSI/SSP card issuance are in MPG Article 14. Special Treatment Program beneficiaries' Medi-Cal cards are State-only issued. MEM Proc. 14B